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GHOULISH TALES OF TERROR
TO TURN YOUR BLOOD TO ICE.

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THE TELLER

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SCALP ITCH

FALLING
HAIR

DANDRUFF

HEAD
ODORS

Proof!

We get letters like these every day from grateful men and women all over the world.

I must admit I didn't have much faith in it, but I hadn't been using Ward's one week before I could see it was helping me. I could feel my hair getting thicker.
E. K., Cleveland, Ohio

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R. W. C., Clero, Ill.
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I feel encouraged to say that the irritating scalp itch which has bothered me for 5 years is now gone.
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THE TELLER!

THIS MONTH...A NEW CHANGE HAS OCCURRED! WE GIVE YOU WITH PRIDE AND APPROPRIATE SHUDDER...THAT MYSTERIOUS, HANDSOME STRANGER, THAT MAN WHO DABELES IN THE OCCULT... THAT CONNOISSEUR OF HORROR...
THE TELLER OF TALES!

GREETINGS, MY FRIENDS!! I AM OVERWHELMED BY THIS OCCASION TO COUNT YOU AMONG MY GUESTS... HERE IN MY DEN! MAY OUR RELATIONSHIP BE A MOST CORDIAL ONE, AS I'M SURE IT WILL! ...NOW TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH MYSELF...



...I MUST FIRST POINT OUT TO YOU THAT MY LIBRARY HAS BEEN FILLED AND WAITING TO ENTERTAIN YOU! HERE ARE STORIES NO OTHER SOULS HAVE HEARD... NO LIVE SOULS, THAT IS!



...AND WAITING TO GREET YOU IN MY DEN ARE MY OTHER... FRIENDS... WHO HAVE GRACIOUSLY CONSENTED TO COME HERE ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION!



DON
HECK

"MY GOOD ASSOCIATE... FREDDIE DEMON FROM... I THINK YOU KNOW WHERE! OF COURSE, HIS COMICAL NAME IS ONE OF MY OWN CHOOSING! HE IS KNOWN BY MANY NAMES... FROM HIM WE WILL EXPECT MANY SPINE-TINGLING TALES OF THE OCCULT, OF THE MACABRE, AND OF THE BIZZARE!"



AND NOW MEET GARRY GHOUL... WHO PROMISES TO KEEP ME SUPPLIED WITH CHOICE TIDBITS FROM THE WORLD OF THE DEAD... TALES OF TORMENTED SOULS SHRIEK OUT TO HIM... AND WILL SOON BE OURS!



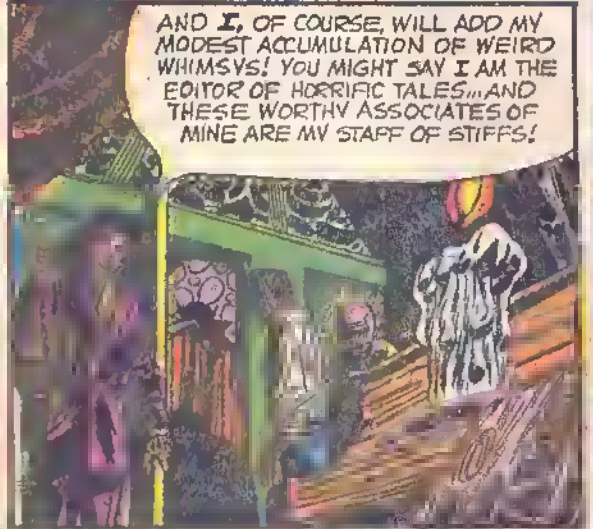
ALSO IN MY LIST OF "DISTINGUISHED" GUESTS IS VICTOR VAMPIRE... WHO CAME WITH RELUCTANCE SINCE HE WAS... AH... BUSY WITH OTHER PURSUITS, THIS BEING NIGHT AND FULL MOON FOR HIM! BUT I HAVE HIS WORD ON AT LEAST A HALF DOZEN **SELECTED** STORIES FROM HIS EAGER LIPS!



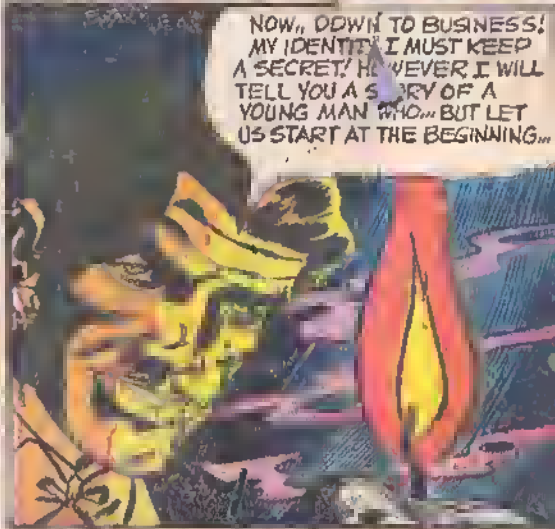
LAST BUT NOT LEAST IS MY FRIEND, WALTER WEREWOLF... AND HE ALSO WILL CONTRIBUTE TO MY FILE OF TERROR-PRODUCING TALES!



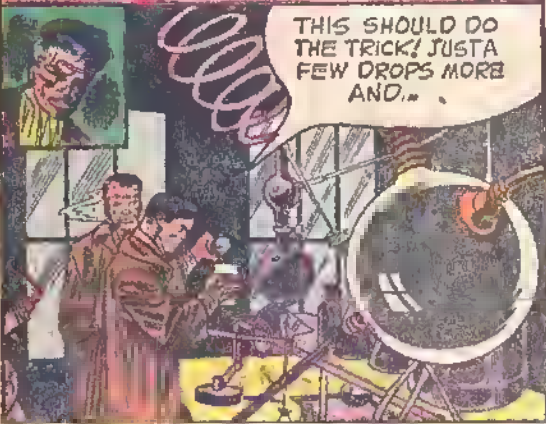
AND I, OF COURSE, WILL ADD MY MODEST ACCUMULATION OF WEIRD WHIMSY! YOU MIGHT SAY I AM THE EDITOR OF HORRIFIC TALES... AND THESE WORTHY ASSOCIATES OF MINE ARE MY STAFF OF STIFFS!



NOW... DOWN TO BUSINESS! MY IDENTITY I MUST KEEP A SECRET! HOWEVER I WILL TELL YOU A STORY OF A YOUNG MAN WHO... BUT LET US START AT THE BEGINNING...

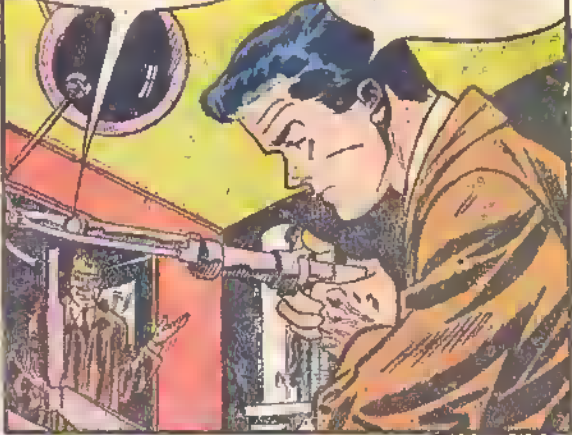


IT WAS A SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY IN A VERY MODERN AND HIGHLY GUARDED BUILDING. THE YOUNG CHEMIST WAS DEEP IN THOUGHT AS HE POURED THE EXPERIMENTAL SOLUTION INTO THE BEAKER.

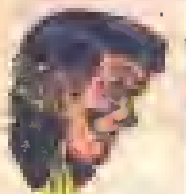
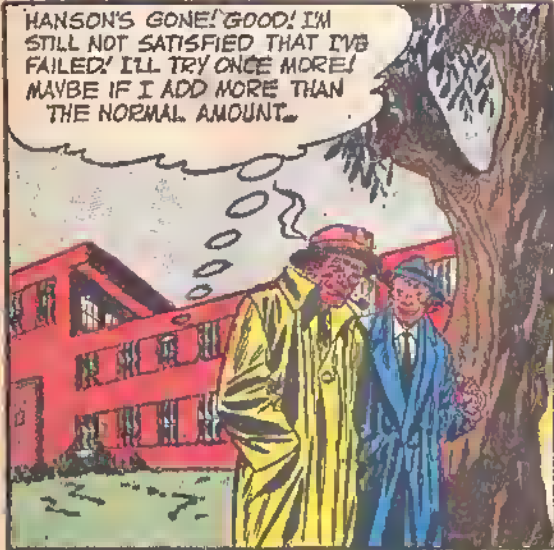


IT'S NO USE, WALKER! LET'S CALL IT A DAY! THAT NEW RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPE JUST ISN'T STABLE!

BUT I WAS SURE THIS TIME IT WOULD WORK! SO SURE OF IT!



HANSON'S GONE! GOOD! I'M STILL NOT SATISFIED THAT I'VE FAILED! I'LL TRY ONCE MORE! MAYBE IF I ADD MORE THAN THE NORMAL AMOUNT.



THE EXPLOSION CAUGHT THE YOUNG MAN UNAWARES! DEADLY RADIATION POURED OVER HIM... GROWING MORE AND MORE INTENSE.



PAIN... SHEER, SAVAGE, NAKED PAIN SEARED THROUGH HIS CONSCIOUS MIND... BURNING OUT ALL NERVOUS SYNAPSES... MELTING DOWN ESTABLISHED NATURAL BARRIERS... DESTROYING, CRUSHING... SUCKING HIM UNDER...



THEN
DARKNESS...
AND SILENCE
AND UNREASON-
ING FEAR! AN
ETERNITY
LATER...
AWARENESS
OF THOUGHT...
AWARENESS
OF AIR... OF
WONDER... OF
LIFE!



"NEVER SAW ANYTHING
LIKE IT IN ALL MY YEARS
OF PRACTICE! HIS FACE...
CHANGED HORRIBLY!"

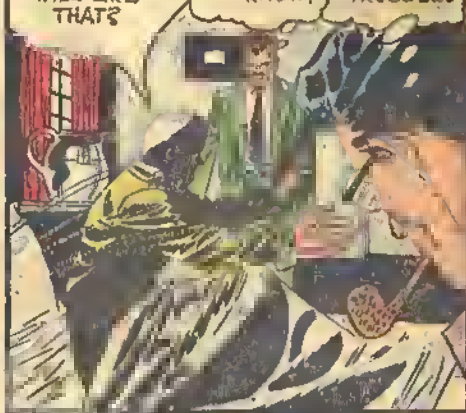
"SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
DEAD IN
THAT
BLAST!"



WHAT ABOUT MY
FACE? WHAT
HAPPENED? I'VE
BEEN HERE TWO
MONTHS! BUT
WHY DO YOU
TALK LIKE
THAT?

WHO
TOLD
HIM?
HOW
MUCH
DOES HE
KNOW?

I'D BETTER
CALL THE
ORDERLIES!
HE'S
GOING TO
MAKE
TROUBLE!



WHAT ARE YOU FRIGHTENED ABOUT? WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO MY FACE? DON'T LEAVE THIS ROOM!
STOP IT! STOP THINKING THOUGHTS LIKE THAT!



GOOD
LORD!



"YOUNG WALKER
HAD CEASED
TO EXIST!
IN HIS PLACE
STOOD... A
SUPER-HUMAN
BEING... WITH
POWERS FAR
BEYOND THE
ORDINARY...
POWERS
GIVEN HIM
BY A FREAK
MIRACLE!
AND WEEKS
LATER..."



ALL THOUGHTS ARE KNOWN
TO ME! ALL THINGS ARE
SEEN BY ME! THE
SECRETS OF THE
WORLD ARE MINE!



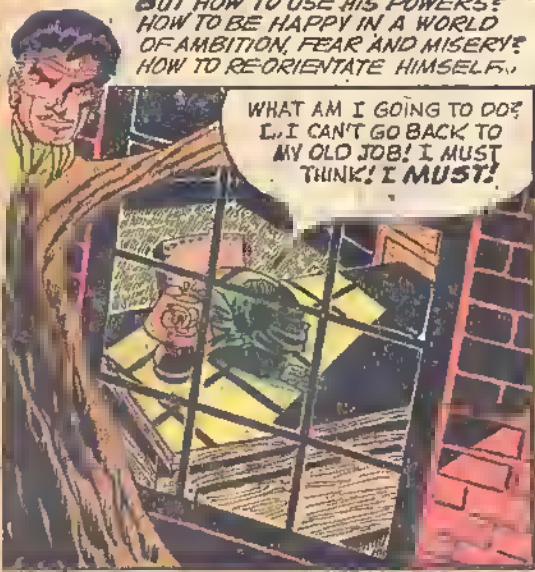
"MUST SET
DINNER AT
SEVEN! I'LL
CALL JACK
AND TELL
HIM!"

STOCK REPORTS
ARE ENCOURAGING.
PARKING SHOULD
BE HAPPY NOW...

WONDER
IF I MADE
A GOOD
IMPRESSION
ON HIM,
MAYBE
HE'LL CALL
ME!



**BUT HOW TO USE HIS POWERS?
HOW TO BE HAPPY IN A WORLD
OF AMBITION, FEAR AND MISERY?
HOW TO REORIENTATE HIMSELF...**



**WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
I CAN'T GO BACK TO
MY OLD JOB! I MUST
THINK! I MUST!**

**SO HE WANDERED OUT ONLY AT NIGHT, SHUNNING
MANKIND, SHUNNING MANKIND'S PETTY PROBLEMS,
SEARCHING FOR WISDOM AND HAPPINESS
...SEARCHING FOR LIFE!**



**SOMETHING EVIL
IS HAPPENING INSIDE!
I SHALL SEE!**

**PLEASE!
YOU MUST
LISTEN
TO ME!
PLEASE!**

**ALL RIGHT! BUT I'VE
TOLD YOU MY TERMS!
HAVE YOU BROUGHT
IT WITH YOU?**

**YES! YES!
HERE IT IS!
EVERY CENT
I HAVE!**

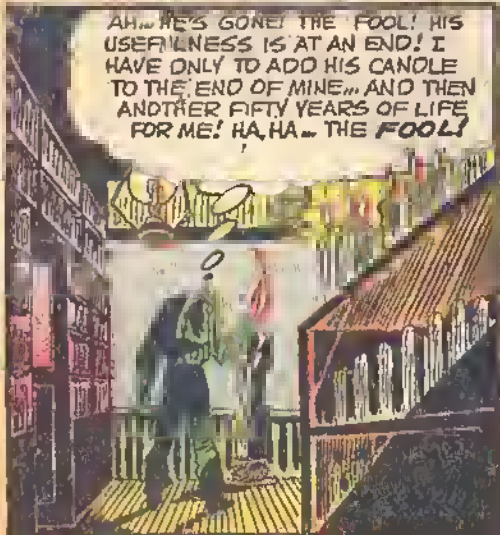


**GOOD! THEN YOU
SHALL LIVE! I'VE
KEPT MY BARGAIN!
NOW GO!**

**THANK HEAVEN
I'VE BEEN IN
TIME! THANK
HEAVEN!**



**AH... HE'S GONE! THE FOOL! HIS
USEFULNESS IS AT AN END! I
HAVE ONLY TO ADD HIS CANOLE
TO THE END OF MINE... AND THEN
ANOTHER FIFTY YEARS OF LIFE
FOR ME! HA, HA... THE FOOL!**



**CAN THIS BE? CAN SUCH A
MONSTER HAVE SUPERNATURAL
POWERS AT HIS BECK AND
CALL? I MUST WARN HIS
VICTIM! HE IS POISED AT
THE EDGE OF DEATH!**





BUT HE LEARNED THAT EVEN HE COULD NOT CHANGE DESTINY! SO HE BECAME DESTINY'S COMPANION... OBSERVING, ALWAYS OBSERVING THE QUIRKS OF LIFE...



THEN PAY ME!

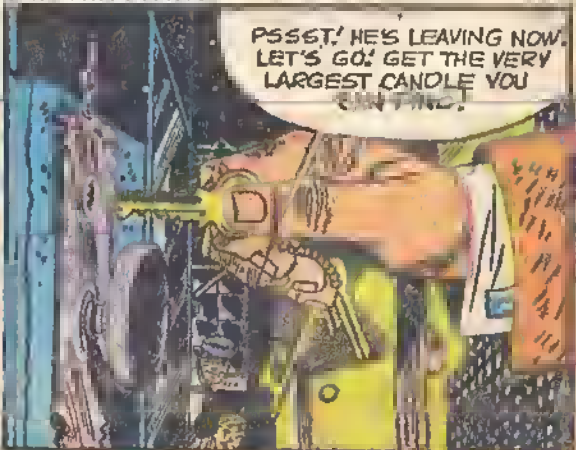


YOU'VE DONE WELL! AND I WILL REWARD ALL OF YOU! YES! GO NOW! GO! AND FIND ME MORE CLIENTS! HA, HA, HA...

ONLY I KNOW THE SECRET OF LIFE! ONLY I AM ALL POWERFUL AND MIGHTY NOW! NO MORE MUST I BE SHUNNED, OLD MAN! THE VERY SECRETS OF THE **BOOK OF THE DEAD** ARE HIDDEN WELL IN MY MIND! THAT BOOK I FOUND IS ASHES NOW... AND WELL SO! TO POSSESS IT POWERS MEANS TO POSSESS THE WORLD!



SO THE OWNER BECAME RICH! AND HE GREW FAT WITH ARROGANCE AND POWER! BUT THE DESTINIES OF MEN CAN NEVER BE PREDICTED FOR ONE NIGHT...



PSSST! HE'S LEAVING NOW. LET'S GO! GET THE VERY LARGEST CANDLE YOU CAN FIND!

HURRY!
HE MAY
COME
BACK!

NAW! HE'S GONE FOR THE NIGHT! GEE!
I'VE GOT THE LARGEST CANDLE I'VE
EVER SEEN! THIS IS BETTER THAN
ANY FLASHLIGHT! THIS SHOULD
MAKE OUR CAVE!

JUST A BUNCH OF BOYS OVERLY MISCHIEVOUS
...SURELY ONE LARGE CANDLE WOULDN'T BE
MISSED FROM SUCH A MASS OF THOUSANDS!
AND LATER THAT NIGHT...

LET'S GO HOME!
I'M TIRED OF THIS
CAVE-ADVENTURE
STUFF!

OKAY! GUESS
MY PARENTS ARE
WONDERING
WHERE I AM
TOO!

NO MORE
NEED FOR
THIS THING!
PUFF!

INSTANTLY... MILES AWAY...

M-MY HEART!
SHARP PAIN...
I, ARGGH, H.H...

OUT CANDLE! OUT LIFE!
EVIL OVERWHELMED BY
IRONIC FATE! AND I... THE
TELLER SAW THE IRONIC
PURPOSE OF MY LIFE
ON EARTH!

IT IS FAR BETTER TO BE HAPPY WITH THE
MEAGRE THREAD OF ONE'S EXISTENCE! THEN
TO YEARN FOR IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS! THUS
DO I DEDICATE MYSELF TO THE GATHERING
OF HORROR! MY REASON? TO ACQUAINT
YOU WITH THE UNKNOWN... SO THAT I IN
TURN MAY BE ACQUAINTED WITH YOU...
AND LIFE! AND NOW... TURN THE
PAGE... NO WELCOME!

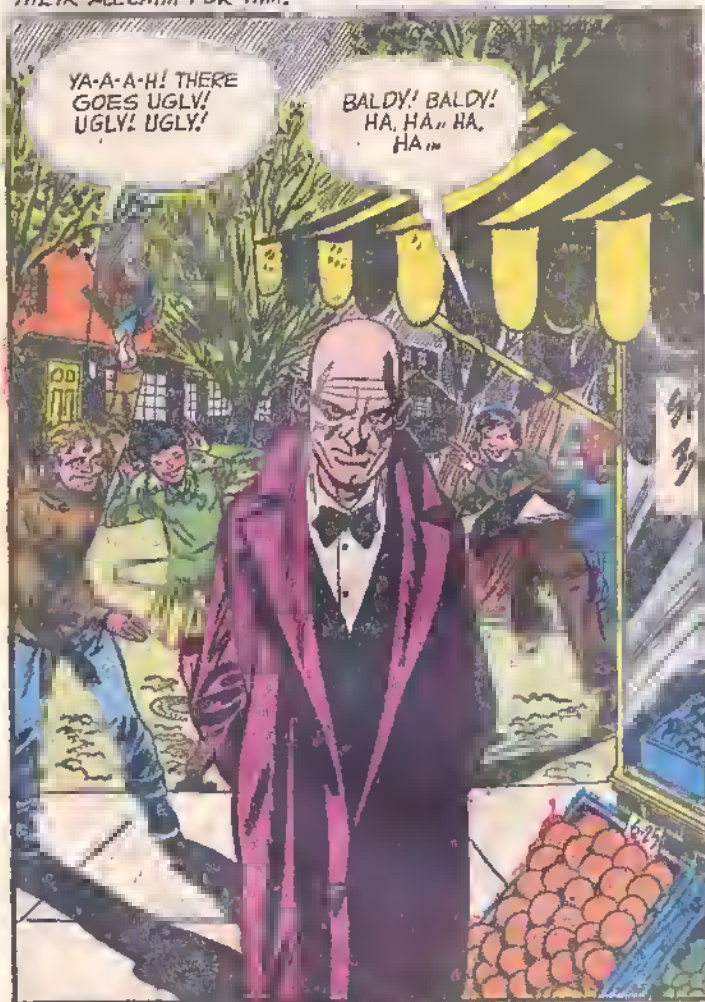
THE
END

ONCE AGAIN, DEAR READERS, WE HAVE A STORY THAT IS GUARANTEED
TO MAKE YOUR HAIR STAND UP ON END! IN FACT... MAKE SURE YOUR OWN
THATCH OF TONSORIAL SPLENDOR IS SAFELY PINNED DOWN... FOR ON
THESE NEXT FEW PAGES, YOU WILL LEARN ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...

HIRSCHEL'S HAIR



"HUMPHREY HIRSCHEL WASN'T A VERY MAGNETIC MAN... NOR WAS HE VERY HANDSOME! HE HAD A VERY DEFINITE FOLLOWING, HOWEVER! HIS AUDIENCE, AND HIS "FANS" WERE LOUD IN THEIR ACCLAIM FOR HIM!"



YA-A-A-H! THERE GOES UGLY! UGLY! UGLY!

BALDY! BALDY! HA, HA, HA, HA...



GO HOME! SCAT! SHOO! YOU LITTLE BRATS SHOULD BE HORSE-WHIPPED! DON'T LET ME CATCH YOU FOLLOWING ME AGAIN!



BRPPP! LOOK WHO'S TALKING! OL' BALDY 'N THE BEAK!

GET YOURSELF A NEW FACE! UGLY, UGLY! YA-A-AH!



HIRSCHEL WAS A BARBER... AND A GOOD ONE! BUT HE WAS A VERY SENSITIVE SOUL! FOR, WHEN FATE HAD MADE JUK HERO A BARBER IT HAD ALSO PLAYED A TRICK ON HIM...

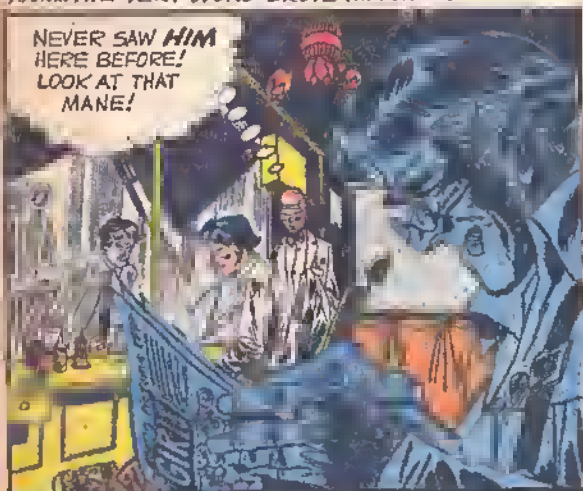


I CAN'T HELP IT IF I'M UGLY! I CAN'T HELP IT IF I'M BALD! THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW AGAINST A PACK OF RAGAMUFFINS LIKE THEM!



NO ONE LOVES ME! I'M ALL ALONE! IF ONLY I COULD GROW SOME HAIR! MAYBE I WOULDN'T BE SO--SO UGLY! NOTHING I PUT ON MY SCALP HELPS! NOTHING! NOTHING!

SO HIRSCHEL CONTINUED TO SUFFER, AND HE ALSO CONTINUED TO CUT, CUT, CUT OTHER PEOPLE'S HAIR! HAIR... THE VERY WORD DROVE HIM WILD!



NEVER SAW HIM
HERE BEFORE!
LOOK AT THAT
MANE!

WHAT A GORGEOUS HEAD
OF HAIR, SIR! YOU'RE NEW
HERE, AREN'T YOU? I
SUPPOSE YOU'RE JUST
PASSING THROUGH
CRANTON!

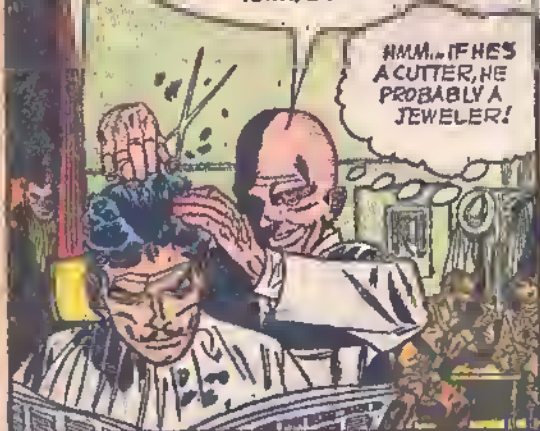
NO... I'M SETTLING
HERE! I HAVEN'T
BEEN FEELING TOO
WELL LATELY! MY
BUSINESS DOESN'T
PRODUCE SUCH GOOD
PROFITS ANYMORE!



I'M A CUTTER!
MY NAME'S
VAN PYR!

OH... YOU MUST BE THE PARTY
WHO RENTED THE KABLE
HOUSE... IT'S BEEN EMPTY FOR
YEARS! WELCOME TO OUR
TOWN, SIR!

HMM... IF HE'S
A CUTTER, HE
PROBABLY A
JEWELER!



SO HIRSCHEL SNIPPED AND QUESTIONED AWAY

THANK YOU FOR
THE HAIRCUT!
GOOD DAY!

GOOD DAY, SIR!
CALL AGAIN!



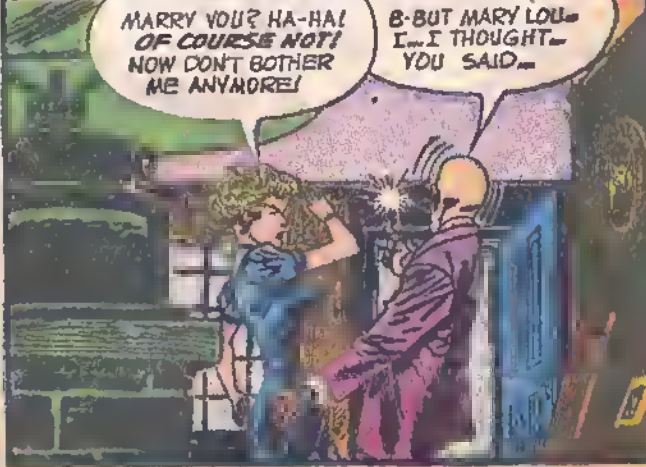
PHW! SMELLS LIKE A
A BEAST! BUT WHAT A
MOP OF BEAUTIFUL HAIR!
REALLY BEAUTIFUL!!



BUT HIRSCHEL FORGOT ABOUT CUSTOMERS AFTER
WORK! HIS MIND TURNED TO OTHER THINGS... BESIDE
HAIR... THINGS LIKE LOVE, A GIRL, AND MARRIAGE...

MARRY YOU? HA-HA!
OF COURSE NOT!
NOW DON'T BOTHER
ME ANYMORE!

B-BUT MARY LOU...
I... I THOUGHT...
YOU SAID...



I SAID NOTHING OF THE SORT! I JUST TOLD YOU IT WOULD BE NICE. SEEING YOU AGAIN! I HARDLY EVER EXPECTED YOU TO TAKE ME SERIOUSLY! COME BACK WHEN YOU CAN GROW SOME HAIR... AND **NOT BEFORE!**



SO HUMPHREY HIRSCHER RESIGNED HIMSELF TO A LIFE OF TONSORIAL EFFICIENCY! ONLY FATE WAS TO HAVE **ANOTHER** CAREER FOR HIM!
...TWO WEEKS LATER...

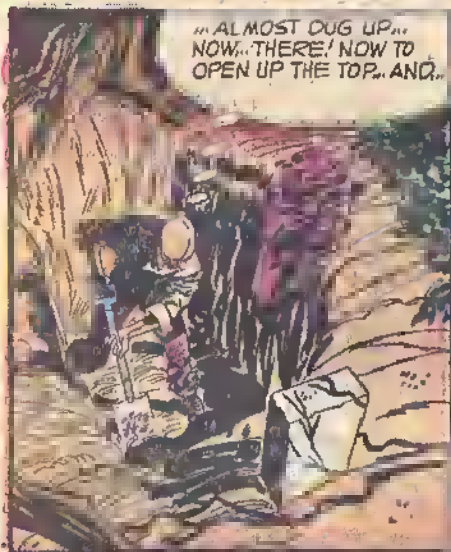


MY... WHAT A LARGE COFFIN! WHO DIED CLEM?

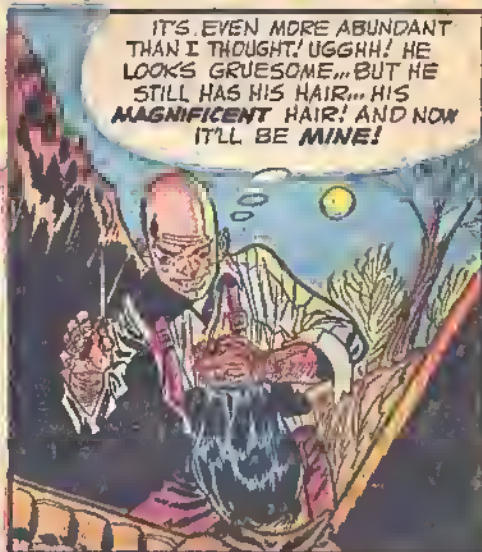
THAT JEWELER FRIEND OF YOURN HUMPHREY! HE JUS DONE KEELED OVER FROM LACK O' FOOD! DOC PARKER SEZ HE NEVER SEED A MAN SO STARVED!



...ALMOST DUG UP... NOW... THERE! NOW TO OPEN UP THE TOP... AND...



IT'S EVEN MORE ABUNDANT THAN I THOUGHT! UGGHH! HE LOOKS GRUESOME... BUT HE STILL HAS HIS HAIR... HIS **MAGNIFICENT HAIR!** AND NOW IT'LL BE MINE!



HIRSCHER DIDN'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER HIM AFTER THAT! HE SHUT THE STORE IN A SWEAT... AND THAT EVENING WHEN HIS FRIENDS WERE ALL ASLEEP IN BED...



AND ONE HOUR LATER, IN HIS OWN ROOM...

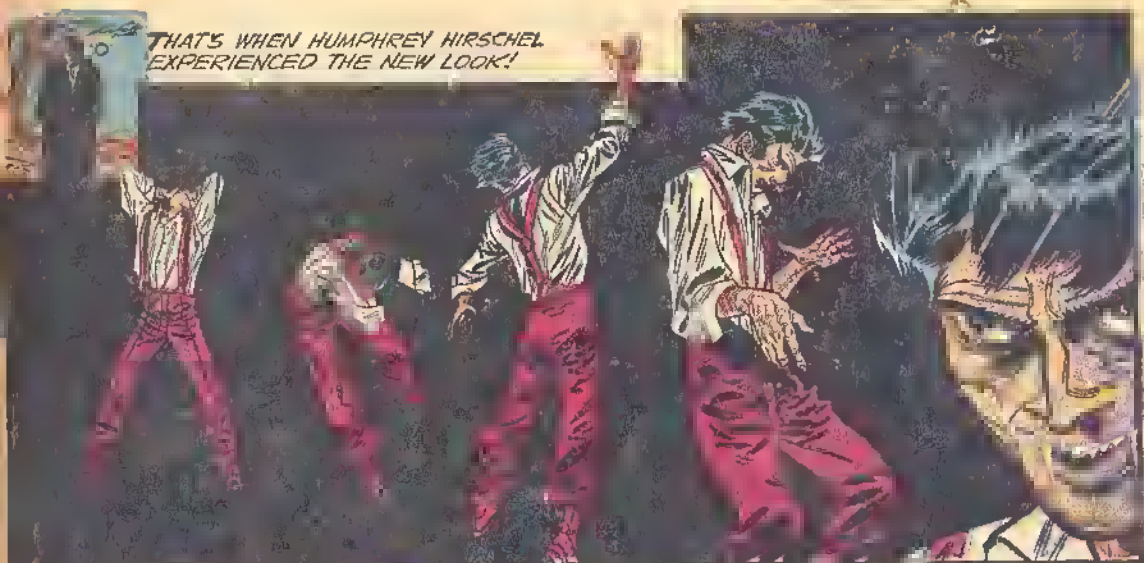
LOOK AT IT SHINE AND GUSTEN! IT'S ALMOST ALIVE! I'LL MAKE IT INTO THE BEST TOUTPEE ANYONE EVER SAW! WON'T MARYLOU BE SURPRISED!



THINK I'LL PUT IT ON FOR A MOMENT... JUST TO SORT OF GET AN IDEA OF HOW I'LL LOOK! MY IT'S WARM! FUNNY! -VERY FUNNY! FEEL SO STRANGE!



THAT'S WHEN HUMPHREY HIRSCHL EXPERIENCED THE NEW LOOK!



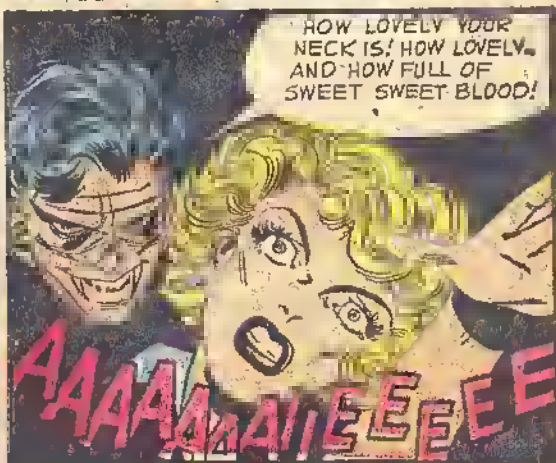
THE HAIR UNDOULATED, TWISTED, AND PULLED! IT WRIGGLED AND DANCED! AND HIRSCHL

A "CUTTER" HE SAID HE WAS! HA, HA... A VERY GOOD JOKE! VAMPIRE'S ARE "CUTTERS!" GUESS HE WASN'T A GOOD "BUSINESSMAN!" BUT I'M DIFFERENT! I'M GOING TO MAKE A HUGE PROFIT!



AND WITH HIS NEW HAIR AND HIS NEW LOOK... HIRSCHL STRUCK! MARY LOU EXPERIENCED A HOME COMING NO OTHER GIRL HAD EVER BEEN PRIVILEGED TO EXPERIENCE...

HOW LOVELY YOUR NECK IS! HOW LOVELY... AND HOW FULL OF SWEET SWEET BLOOD!



HOW WONDERFUL I FEEL! THE WORLD IS MINE! I'LL NEVER FORSAKE THIS HEAD OF HAIR! THE MORE IT GROWS... THE MORE EFFICIENT I'LL BE AS A VAMPIRE! FROM NOW ON, IT WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF ME! ALWAYS!

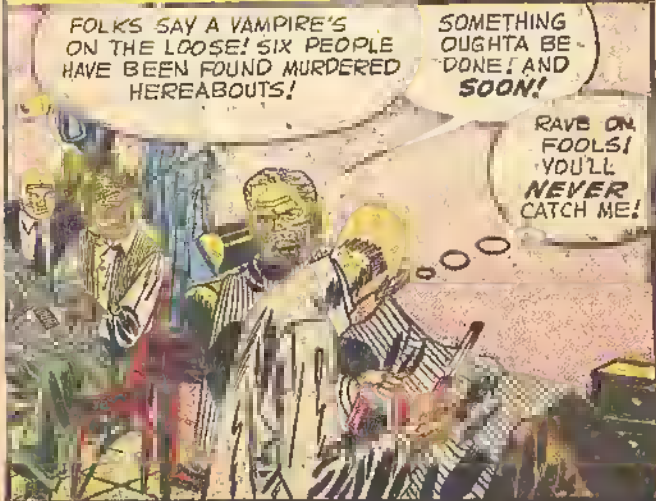


AND HIRSCHL BECAME POPULAR FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE!

FOLKS SAY A VAMPIRE'S ON THE LOOSE! SIX PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FOUND MURDERED HEREABOUTS!

SOMETHING OUGHTA BE DONE! AND SOON!

RAVE ON FOOLS! YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME!

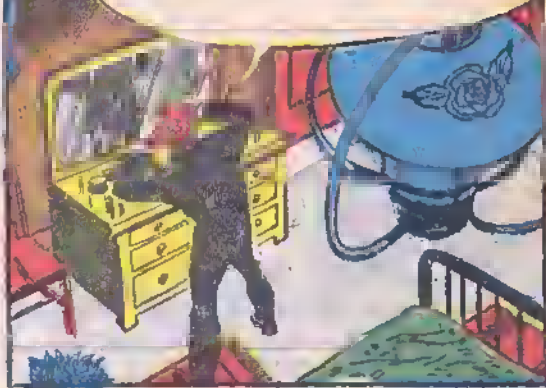


AND FOR AWHILE HIRSCHEL WAS PRETTY GOOD AT LAYING LOW... UNTIL...

UGH-H... CAN'T SEEM TO TAKE THIS OFF! IT'S ACTUALLY GROWING INTO MY SKULL! HOW AM I GOING TO HIDE IT NOW?



I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL PIN THIS DOWN SO... AND PUT A RUBBER SKULL TOP ON IT SO... TO MAKE OTHERS THINK I'M STILL BALD! THEN IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS, I'LL LEAVE THIS TOWN FOR GOOD... AND START OPERATIONS IN THE BIG CITY!



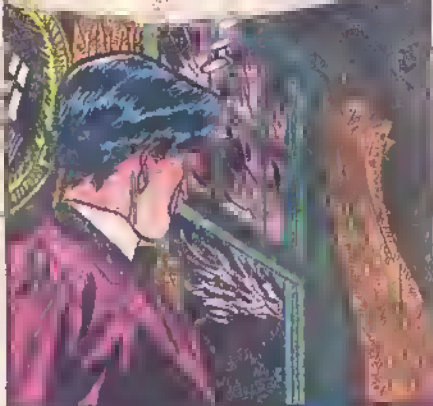
PUFF... PUFF... THEY DIDN'T SEE ME! I CAN... STILL GET AWAY!... SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO GREEDY OVER THAT GIRL'S BLOOD! GOT TO BE CALM NOW... HERE THEY COME!

UH... HELLO, FOLKS! DID YOU CATCH YOUR... AH... VAMPIRE?

YES... AFTER COMPARING NOTES AND NOTICING SOMETHING WE DID... DAYS AGO!

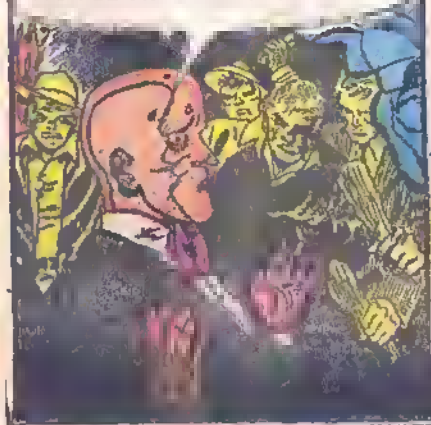


BUT HIRSCHEL WASN'T THE "BUSINESSMAN" HE THOUGHT HE WAS! HE WAS VERY CARELESS IN HIS TRANSACTIONS...

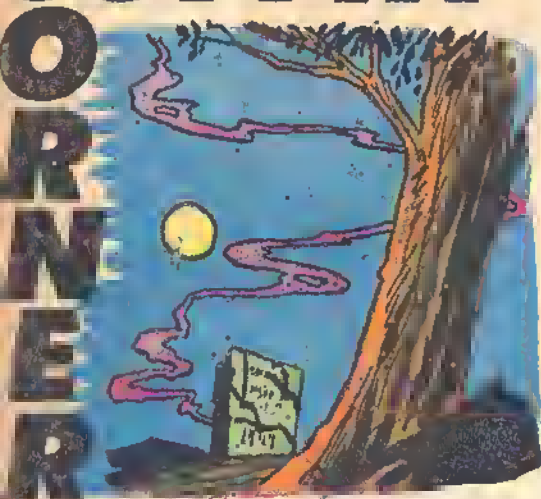


W-WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT? SURELY YOU DON'T THINK...? NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME! ARE YOU ALL MAD? HOW CAN I BE THE VAMPIRE? I HAVE NO HAIR! YOU ALL KNOW THA...

THEN HUMPHREY SPOTTED SOMETHING ON HIS COAT SLEEVES... SOMETHING THAT EXPLAINED WHY MISTER VAN PYR HAD MADE SUCH A ROTTEN VAMPIRE! FOR HAVING FALLEN THROUGH THE RUBBERIZED CAP ON HIRSCHEL'S HEAD WERE LARGE FLAKES OF... DANDRUFF!



COFFIN



Welcome to my Den, dear readers. I am the Teller-of-Tales who will be here to greet you every month. I hope our friendship will be a long and fruitful one—for I have many stories and incidents that will keep you well-entertained. Here are forgotten tales and tales that cannot be told without burning the candle long into the night. Here are tales that have been culled from the blood-curdling shrieks of witches and warlocks, and demons and ghouls. Here are tales that can happen and may happen one dark, dismal night. And presiding over all—am I, your host—eager to bring you tales that are old and new, bold and blue!

Your letters and your comments have been anxiously accepted—for it is my purpose to give you the BEST in horror entertainment. Above all—speak out on any subject you wish to see in print that will give us all a delightful shudder on cold frozen nights—and on wind-swept, mournful days. Let me hear from you, and I promise you you won't regret it. To those who sent me the pile of letters, I give my most sincere thanks. I shall try and answer all of them. And I shall print here the most interesting ones. And now for this month:

Dear Teller:

"I have long been a Horror addict and generally enjoy most of the stories I read—but the other day, your last issue of *Horrific* topped all my expectations! Keep it coming in exactly the same format. I mean—keep it horrible and spine-chilling!

Yours truly,
Arnold Grant
[Salt Lake City, Iowa]

Thank you, Arnold, for your bouquets. We'll try to make every issue of *Horrific* stand up to its name. However, since you didn't mention what specific issue it was that made you write in to us, we'll wait to hear from you again on our forthcoming issues. We have a surprise in store for you—something to top even your compliments!

Dear Teller:

"Why don't you print stories that have a more realistic approach? How long can you expect us to like vampires, werewolves and such other monsters? And why not give tales that have more surprise?

Irritated,
Henry Borden
New York City

Dear Henry:

We are doing just that! I think you'll see the difference very shortly. Horror tales are experiencing a development towards more adult themes—and towards a more realistic setting. But now and then when we come across a very "Horrific-ifying" vampire, werewolf, monster tale in our files, we'll include it in our book. As for more suspense, keep posted with your dealer. Our next issue promises to be jam-packed with the stuff shudders are made of!

That's all for now, dear readers. I'll see you next month with more letters and more comments about the stories waiting to be told by myself—the Teller-of-Tales. Remember—I invite you to be my guest again, where more letters will be printed as our friendship grows. Until then—

Horrific-ally yours,
THE TELLER



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BLOOD SUCKERS



Just a little over two hundred years ago there appeared throughout Europe an epidemic of accounts—not just stories or tall tales told for amusement, but supposedly factual reports—of the exploits of vampires.

Originally, a vampire was described as the soul of a dead man which left a buried body by night to suck the blood of living persons.

Creditable witnesses to the raids of vampires, however, protested that it was no intangible soul that preyed upon the horribly drained victims. They described the blood-suckers in a wide range of forms from a wisp of a ghost to an oversize ghoul with fangs and a furry face. The majority of those who told of seeing vampires seemed to agree that these night prowlers were probably the corpses themselves, still attired in their shrouds and made even more frightening by their terrible lust for blood.

Several books were written on the subject at the time, the two most famous being Ranft's *De masticatione mortuorum in tumulis* and Calmet's *Dissertation on the Vampires of Hungary*. The latter was translated into English in 1750.

From these and other authorities it was learned that when a vampire's grave is opened, his corpse is found to be as if it were very recently interred or as a living body looks after a feast. To quote one report: "The supposedly dead will be fresh and rosy from the blood it has absorbed from the living."

When such a corpse is found in such a grave, there is only one thing to do. A stop must be put to the ravages of the vampire by driving a stake through the heart of the corpse. Some people claim other methods are as effective. For instance, cutting off the head of the corpse or removing its heart and burning the body. There is even one school of exorcists which holds that the vampire can be eliminated by

merely pouring boiling water and vinegar over the grave.

Persons who turn vampires are usually wizards, witches, suicides and those who have come to a violent end or have been placed under a curse by their parents or excommunicated by the church. Anyone, however, may become a vampire if after death and before burial a cat leaps over his corpse.

About the time that reports of the depredations of vampires had begun to die out in Europe, a new theory of the origin of these bloodsuckers gained some currency. It was said that a vampire could be the soul of a living man which leaves his body in sleep, to go in the form of a straw or a fluff of down and suck the blood of other sleepers.

Since neither straw nor pillow-stuffing is constructed so that the sucking and transportation of blood seems a likely activity in which they could be engaged, it was also necessary to assume that after the living man had transformed himself into a straw in the wind who floated to his victim, he must have again transformed himself into something upon arrival, sucked his fill of blood, and then reversed the whole process. That "something" was ordinarily thought to be a rat or more often a bat.

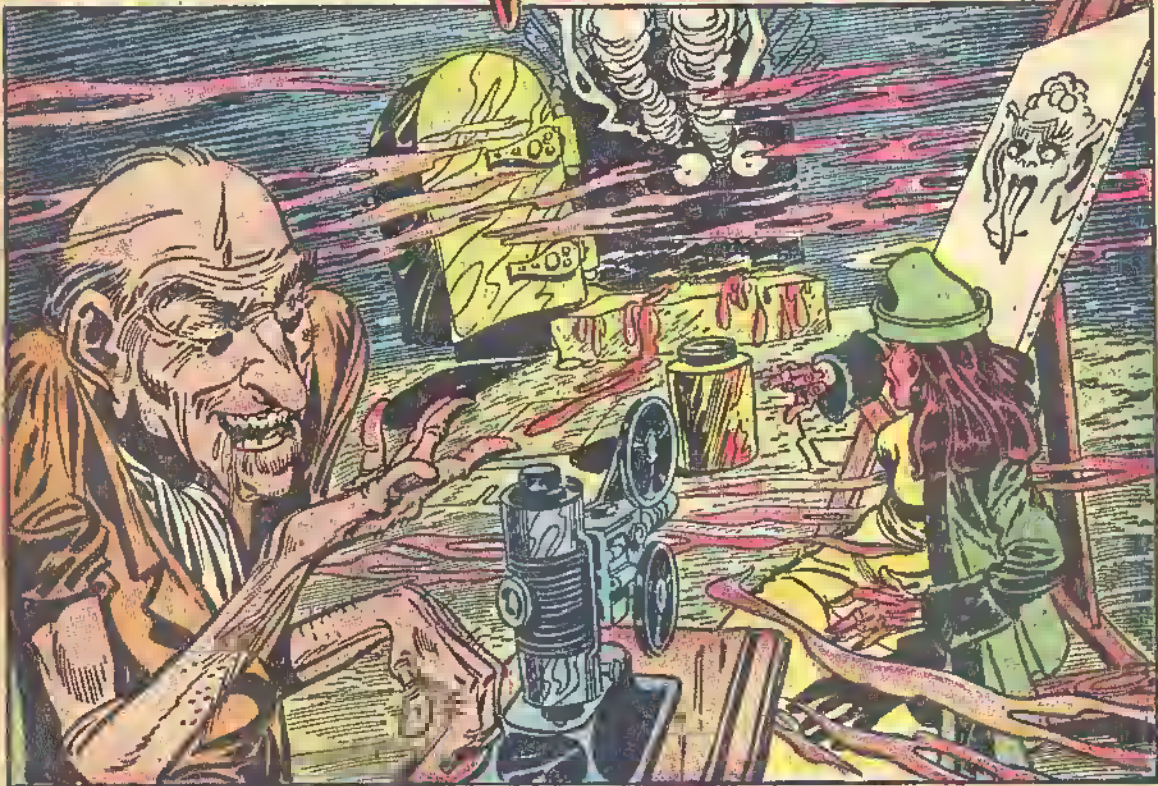
There was, thus, a brief flurry of vampire-bat stories, but these had all the earmarks of fiction and the whole theory was too complicated to win the belief of even the most credulous.

Meantime, though, the vouched-for accounts of vampires were being traced back to their sources. Most of them seemed to have originated in Hungary between the years 1730 and 1735. Here the researchers came across some facts—facts more horrible than any of the vampire tales!

During these fearful five years there were a number of graves that had to be disturbed for legitimate reasons. A group of reputable citizens opened the coffins and examined the bodies. They reported that the corpses had not been embalmed and that while the bodies of these persons were thought to have been dead, they were actually buried alive!

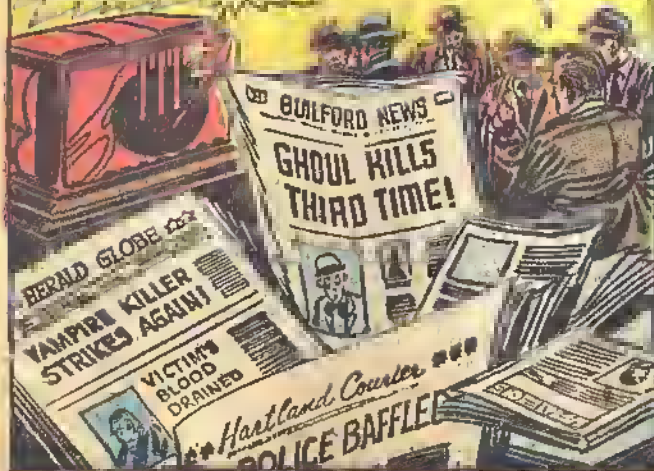
The whole lore of vampires apparently had its beginning in the horrific description of those tortured bodies—the twisted positions of the corpses, the marks of blood on the shrouds and on the faces and hands, the frozen terror of suffocating death after a frenzied struggle in a sealed and buried coffin.

PORTRAIT DEATH



USED TO TELL STORIES OF—

HELLO PAT. YEAH
THE SAME THING/
VICTIM DEAD... DRAINED OF
BLOOD AND NO CLUES/





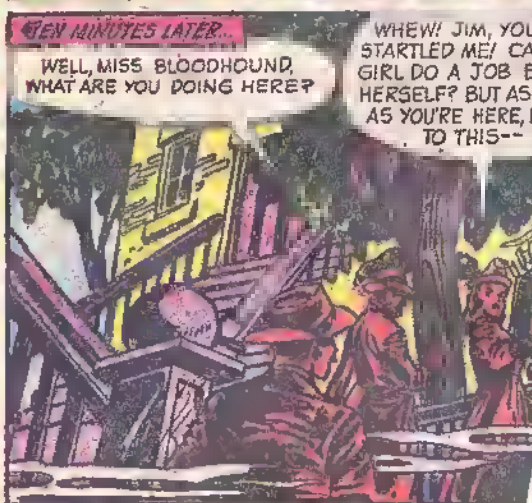
IT'S SO HORRIBLE AND

THAT MAN WITH THE
SATCHEL! I WONDER IF
HE HAS ANY CONNECTION?



BYE NOW JIM! I--I HAVE
TO GET BACK AND WRITE
MY STORY.

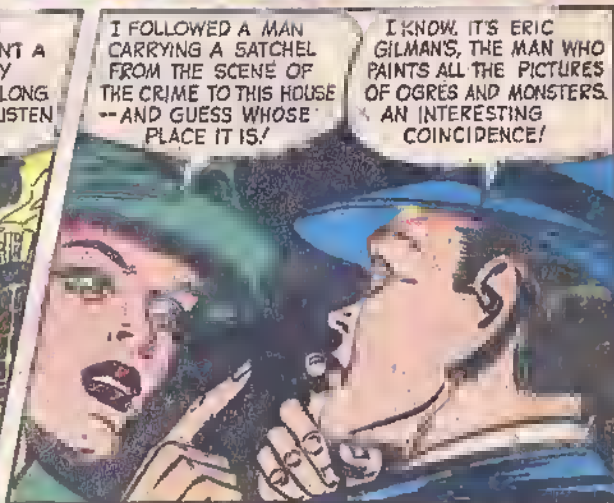
HMMM! THERE GOES A
SMART REPORTER--AND IT'S
JUST POSSIBLE SHE'S GOT
ON TO SOMETHING WE'VE MISS-
ED. LET'S FOLLOW HER, PETE!



TEN MINUTES LATER...

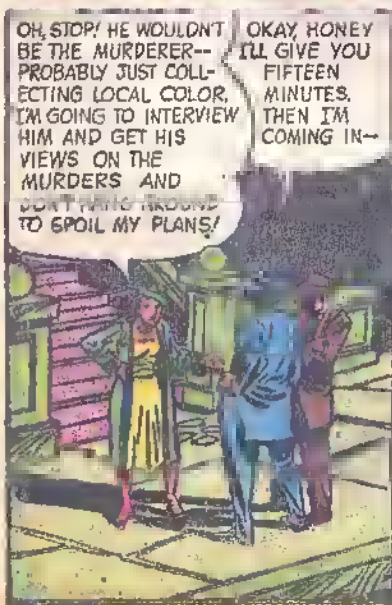
WELL, MISS BLOODHOUND,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WHEW! JIM, YOU
STARTLED ME! CAN'T A
GIRL DO A JOB BY
HERSELF? BUT AS LONG
AS YOU'RE HERE, LISTEN
TO THIS--



I FOLLOWED A MAN
CARRYING A SATCHEL
FROM THE SCENE OF
THE CRIME TO THIS HOUSE
--AND GUESS WHOSE
PLACE IT IS!

I KNOW, IT'S ERIC
GILMAN'S, THE MAN WHO
PAINTS ALL THE PICTURES
OF OGRES AND MONSTERS.
AN INTERESTING
COINCIDENCE!



OH, STOP! HE WOULDN'T
BE THE MURDERER--
PROBABLY JUST COL-
LECTING LOCAL COLOR.
I'M GOING TO INTERVIEW
HIM AND GET HIS
VIEWS ON THE
MURDERS AND
DON'T WANT AROUND
TO SPOIL MY PLANS!

OKAY, HONEY
I'LL GIVE YOU
FIFTEEN
MINUTES.
THEN I'M
COMING IN--



AND A MOMENT LATER...

A REPORTER, EH? YOU ARE
CURIOUS ABOUT MY PICTURES
I SUPPOSE? WELL, I CAN
SPARE TEN MINUTES. COME
IN, WILL YOU PLEASE?



IF SHE DOESN'T COME
OUT ON TIME--WE'RE
GOING AFTER HER. I
DON'T LIKE THIS
PLACE!

I KNOW
WHAT YOU
MEAN!

MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE HOUSE...

MR. GILMAN, I'VE HEARD PEOPLE ASK HOW YOU GET SUCH LIFELIKE FEELING INTO YOUR IMAGINARY SUBJECTS --AND KNOW I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN.

IMAGINARY? WHO'S TO SAY THESE CREATURES DO NOT EXIST?

OH, PLEASE! YOU DON'T REALLY BELIEVE--

WHY NOT? LOOK AT THIS ONE. OUR ANCESTORS BELIEVED IN THEM, ESPECIALLY HERE IN NEW ENGLAND. THE AIR AND THE EARTH WERE RUMORED TO BE FULL OF OGRES, GARGOYLES AND ALL SORTS OF WEIRD BEINGS.

MR. GILMAN, I REALLY CAME TO ASK YOUR OPINION ABOUT--

THE TIME I'M SORRY, MY DEAR, YOU MUST LEAVE, PLEASE, IMMEDIATELY!

HAGER FOR A STORY. PAT STALLS UNTIL--

--AND MY READERS WOULD LOVE TO KNOW--OH! WHAT WAS THAT?

I TOLD YOU TO GO, YOU LITTLE FOOL!

THUMP THUMP THUMP

ALRIGHT, MR. GILMAN I'LL GO!

HA/NA! TOO LATE MY DEAR! NOW YOU MUST STAY. YOU CAME TO LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT ME--NOW YOU WILL LEARN ALL! HE-HE-HE!

COME--THIS WAY, MY DEAR, AND I'LL SHOW YOU MY PRIVATE WORKROOM!

BUT I'D RATHER NOT-- IS HE CRAZY? WELL, I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'LL SCREAM LIKE A SILLY FOOL!

THERE! NOW YOU SHALL SEE THINGS THAT NO PERSON OF YOUR GENERATION HAS EVER SEEN.

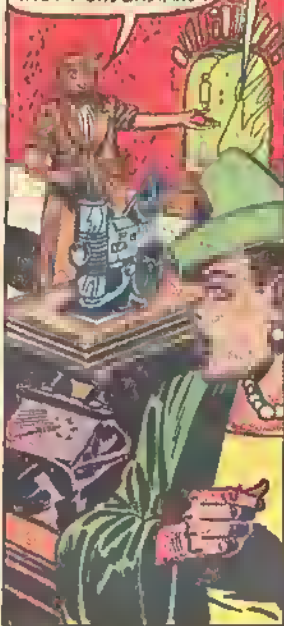
PLEASE! I WANT TO GO--

MR. GILMAN!
WHY ARE
YOU
LOCKING
THE DOOR!
LOOK AT THAT
BRICKED--OVER
ARCHWAY! IT
USED TO CONNECT
WITH THE ACTUAL
TUNNELS AND SEWERS
THAT OUR ANCESTORS
BELIEVED WERE
INHABITED BY
DEMONS!

SEE? HA-HA! I HAVE PLEASE,
A MOVIE CAMERA TO MR. GILMAN,
RECORD THE ACTIONS UNLOCK THE
OF MY MODELS! AND HERE ON THE EASEL THE
IS MY LATEST SUBJECT! DOOR?
NOW ARE YOU BEGINN-
ING TO UNDERSTAND?

AND LAST, BUT THE BLACK
OF MOST BAG! THAT'S--
IMPORTANCE, THAT'S--
THE BAIT! THE BAIT!
AH, YES--
THE BAIT!

RIGHT! IT'S BLOOD! AND
NOW A MERE PUSH OF THE
BUTTON--
HA-HA-HA!

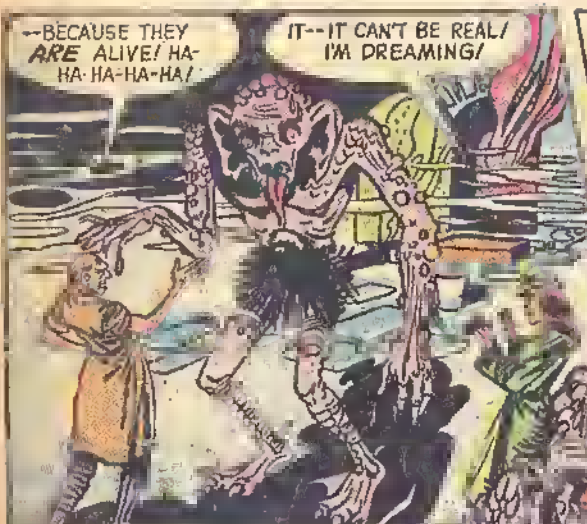


...AND WE DISCOVER
THAT THE ARCHWAY
STILL CONNECTS
WITH THE ANCIENT
TUNNELS?
WHY, YOU'RE
MAD!... YOU
ARE THE KILLER
E-E-E-E-E!

WHAT IS--?
THERE'S
SOMETHING--!
RIGHT! RIGHT!
THERE'S SOME THING
WATCH CLOSELY!

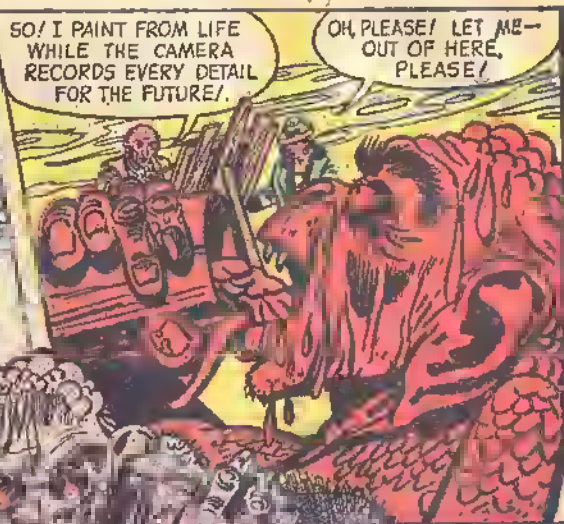
NOW YOU CAN SEE WHY THE
SUBJECTS OF MY PAINTINGS
LOOK ALIVE--!





--BECAUSE THEY
ARE ALIVE! HA-
HA-HA-HA-HA!

IT--IT CAN'T BE REAL/
I'M DREAMING!



SO! I PAINT FROM LIFE
WHILE THE CAMERA
RECORDS EVERY DETAIL
FOR THE FUTURE!

OH, PLEASE! LET ME--
OUT OF HERE,
PLEASE!



DON'T WORRY, MY DEAR. I'M FINISHED
WITH **THIS** MODEL, AND I'M GETT-
ING RID OF IT. I GET RID OF
ALL OF THEM. THIS JAR CONTAINS
ENOUGH POISON TO KILL AN ARMY!!



IN FIVE MINUTES
THE STUPID THING
WILL BE DEAD--
OH, NO!! NO!!

IT
UNDERSTANDS.



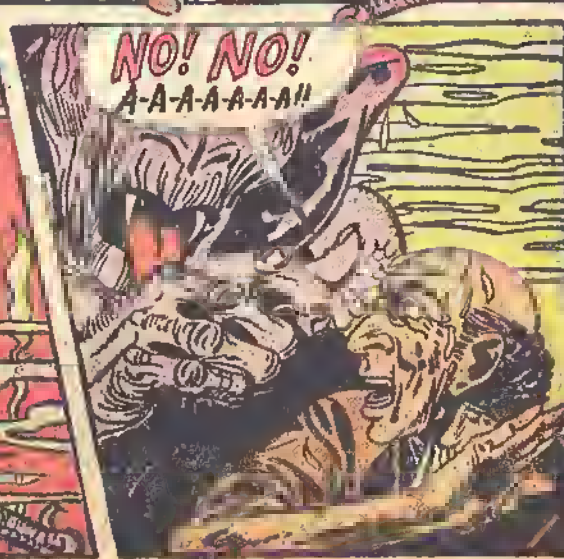
OUT OF MY WAY! I'M GETTING
OUT OF HERE--

DON'T LEAVE ME!
DON'T--OH
H
H
H



NO! DON'T TOUCH ME! THAT
WAS A LIE! THERE WAS
NO POISON! DON'T!!

AM GOING
TO--
OH-H-H-H



NO! NO!
A-A-A-A-A-A!!

EAT THAT MOMENT, UPSTAIRS...

WELL, THE FIFTEEN MINUTES ARE-- WHAT WAS THAT?

IT CAME FROM BELOW! THERE'S THE STAIRS-- COME ON!

AAAHHH!

THE DOORS LOCKED! I'M GOING TO...

THAT'S IT! SHOOT THE LOCK OFF, AND WE'LL BREAK IN!

ARRRRGH

BANG

THERE'S SOMETHING IN THAT TUNNEL!

THIS OUGHT TO STOP IT, WHATEVER IT IS!

AAAGGHHHHH!

BUT THE VIBRATIONS OF THE SHOTS ARE TOO MUCH FOR THE ANCIENT MASONRY, AND...

THE WHOLE WALL COLLAPSED!

BOOM

BANG

CRASH

BANG

NOW, WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT--

JIM! OH, JIM!

PAT! HONEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT? WHAT HAPPENED?

OH, JIM! IT WAS AWFUL! A HUGE MONSTER CAME AND--

NEXT DAY IN JIM'S OFFICE...

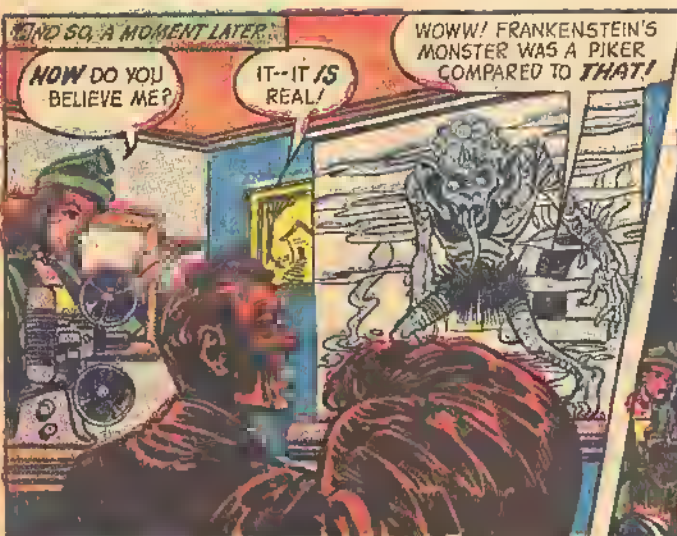
JIM, I TELL YOU I SAW IT! IT WAS AS REAL AS--

AW, BABY, YOU COULDN'T! YOU HAD A NIGHTMARE, OR MAYBE THAT CRAZY GILMAN HYPNOTIZED YOU OR SOMETHING!

WELL, HERE'S THE FILM FROM GILMAN'S CAMERA. LET'S RUN IT OFF!

PUT IT ON, AND WE'LL SEE--

YOU'LL SEE ALRIGHT!



END SO, A MOMENT LATER...

HOW DO YOU BELIEVE ME?

IT--IT IS REAL!

WOWW! FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER WAS A PIKER COMPARED TO *THAT!*



THIS IS WHERE THE MONSTER UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THE POISON.

THANK HEAVENS HE WASN'T SORE AT YOU!



BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO GILMAN?

I DON'T KNOW-- I PASSED OUT. MAYBE WE'LL SEE IT NOW!



THIS MUST BE JUST BEFORE HE CAME IN, PETE!

OH!! I CAN'T LOOK!



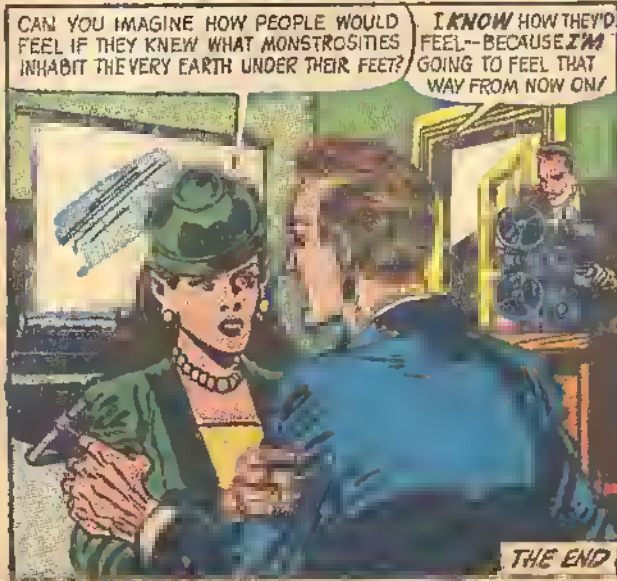
AT LEAST WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO GILMAN. BRRRR!!

ENOUGH. TURN IT OFF, PETE. NOW LISTEN TO ME, YOU TWO-



NOT A WORD OF THIS MUST LEAK OUT! I'LL REPORT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES, BUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC MUSTN'T KNOW. WE'D HAVE PANIC IN NO TIME!

I UNDERSTAND, JIM. I PROMISE... NO STORIES.



CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW PEOPLE WOULD FEEL IF THEY KNEW WHAT MONSTROSITIES INHABIT THE VERY EARTH UNDER THEIR FEET?

I KNOW HOW THEY'D FEEL-- BECAUSE I'M GOING TO FEEL THAT WAY FROM NOW ON!

THE END

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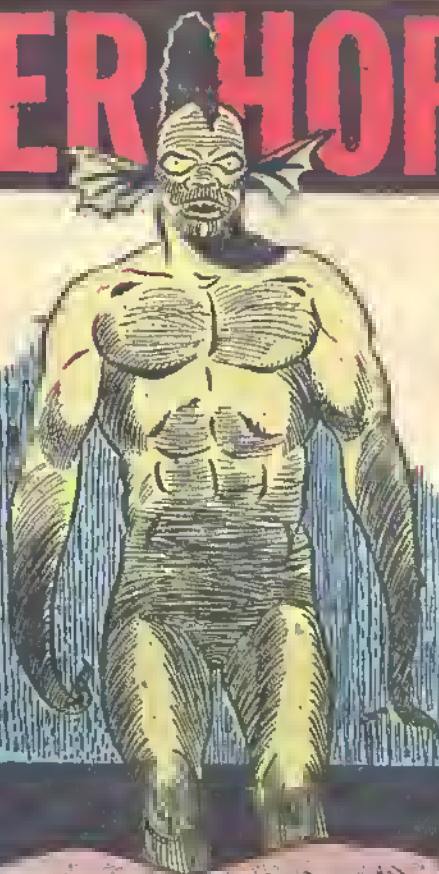
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SEWER HORROR



CARROLL



JOAN

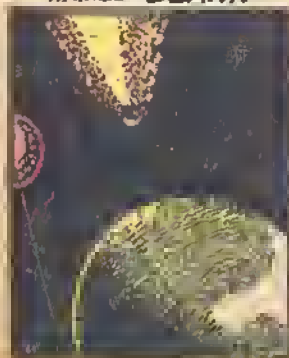


OUT OF THE HEAVENS IT CAME...THE MYSTERIOUS METEOR WHICH WAS TO BRING HORROR UNTOLD TO THE PLANET EARTH. FOR MANKIND THE MASTER QUAKED TO A GREATER MASTER...A MASTER NAMED DEATH!

DOWN THROUGH THE ETHER IT FLASHED...DOWN...EVER DOWNWARD, UNTIL IT CRASHED INTO THE MIGHTY TIDAL WAVES OF PRE-HISTORIC EARTH!

AND STILL FURTHER DOWNWARD IT PLUNGED...DOWNWARD INTO THE OOZE AND SLIME OF THE VOLCANIC EARTH BELOW...DOWNWARD INTO FANTASTIC DEPTHS...

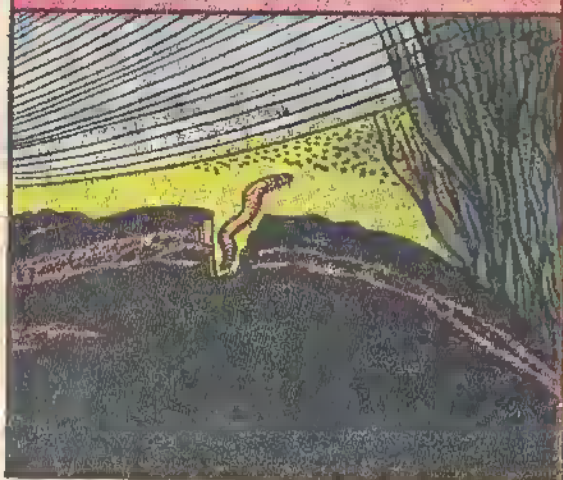
..UNTIL IT RESTED AND LAY QUIESCENT, SOLE OCCUPANT OF A YOUNG PLANET...SOLITARY TRESPASSER INTO NATURE'S DOMAIN...



EDGES OF TIME LATER, WHEN SINGLE-CELLED ORGANISMS EVOLVED INTO MULTIPLE ENTITIES... WHEN TIDAL PRESSURE CHANGED AND RESURGED TO AND FRO, A BREAK OCCURRED IN THE KNOBBED ROCK BURIED ON THE OCEAN FLOOR...



...AND OUT OF IT WRIGGLED A TINY, WORM-LIKE CREATURE, AWAKENED FROM A MIND SHATTERING REST...



...TO DEVELOP INTO A COCOON... AND FROM THAT INTO A SHELLED MONSTER AND FROM THAT INTO A FURRED, AMPHIBIOUS HORROR...



A MILLION... TWO... FIVE... TEN MILLION YEARS LATER IT BEGAN TO THINK... AND WITH THINKING CAME AWARENESS OF ITS POWER...

I AM ON A PLANET IN ITS INFANCY! THE DOMINANT FORM ON THIS PLANET IS A POOR CRAWLING THING THAT TRIES TO GET ON LAND BUT LIVES BETTER IN WATER! I SHALL WATCH IT EVOLVE! ONLY THEN WILL I FIND WHAT I SEEK...



MILLIONS OF YEARS LATER, MAN WAS BORN! AND WITH MAN CAME CIVILIZATION... EGYPT, GREECE, ROME, MEDIEVAL AGE, 18TH CENTURY, WORLD WAR I, WORLD WAR II, KOREA... AND ALWAYS THE HORROR FROM OUTER SPACE LAY QUIESCENT... WAITING... WAITING PATIENTLY...

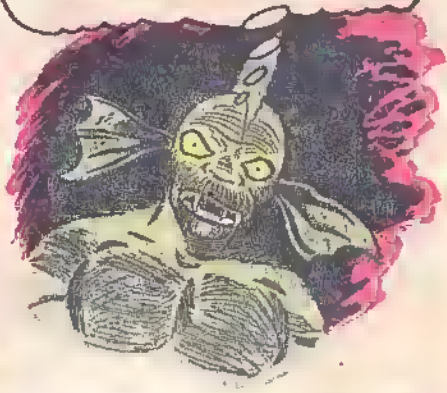


NOW AND THEN IT WOULD VENTURE FORTH FROM ITS SLIMEY DEN TO SNARE AND KILL THE CREATURES THAT POPULATED THE GLOBE. AND ALWAYS IT WOULD STUDY THEM....

THESE ORGANISMS HAVE ONE CENTRALLY LOCATED BRAIN. NOT ONLY THAT BUT THE FOOD I SEEK IS TO BE FOUND **INSIDE** OF THEM!



THEIR CORE OF PHOSPHOROUS WHICH I NEED FOR MY OWN BODY ENERGY IS DESTROYED WHEN THEY ARE KILLED. THEREFORE, I MUST HAVE THESE ORGANISMS **ALIVE** IF I AM TO SURVIVE!



AND THE MONSTER WAITED PATIENTLY AGAIN UNTIL...

NO ONE TAKES IT EASY ON MY SHIFT, CARROLL! YOU HEARD ME! START CLEANING THAT SEWER OUTLET!

YEAH! YEAH! HOLD YOUR HORSES!



SOMEDAY I'M GONNA GET EVEN WITH THAT RAT! I'LL SHOW HIM. ALWAYS PICKIN' ON ME! MAKIN' ME DO ALL THE WORK!



WHILE THE UNSUSPECTING CREATURE WORKED, HIS UNKNOWN HOST CREEPED UP BEHIND HIM....



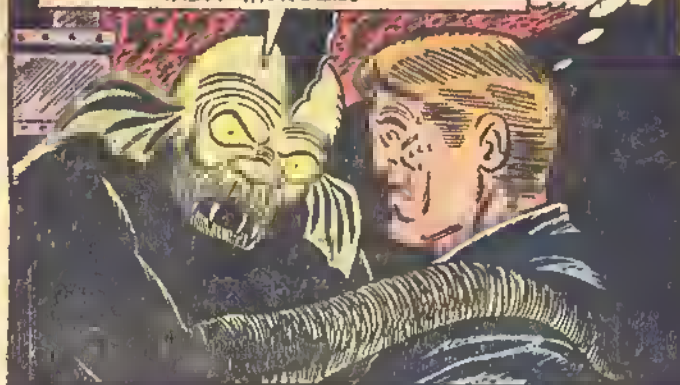
A-A-A-A-A-G-G-G-H-H-H-H!!



BUT THE MONSTER DIDN'T WANT TO KILL THIS TIME...

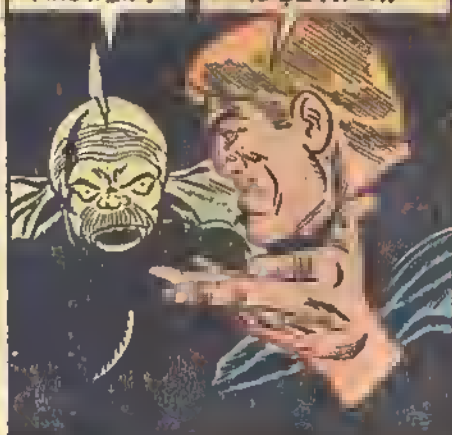
I NEED THE PHOSPHOROUS CONTENT FROM YOUR FELLOW CREATURES! BUT THEY MUST BE ALIVE WHEN I EAT THEM! SERVE ME AND LURE THEM TO ME... AND YOU SHALL PROFIT! REFUSE AND YOU SHALL BE A TASTY MORSEL!

I - I'M HAVING A NIGHTMARE! THIS CAN'T BE REAL!



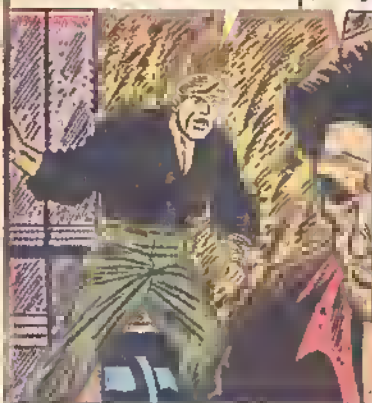
ANYTHING YOU WISH WILL BE YOURS! WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

I - I HAVE NO CHOICE! OKAY! I - I'LL DO AS YOU WANT! BUT... REMEMBER... I WANT TO BE RICH!



SO THE PACT WAS MADE AND THE VERDICT SEALED! MINUTES LATER, CARROLL BEGAN HIS NEW "JOB" ON THE FIRST PERSON HE HATED...

CHIEF! I GOTTA TALK TO YOU! I FOUND SOMETHING! YEAH? WHAT?



GOLD! A GOLD VEIN AS LARGE AS YOUR BODY... RUNNING THROUGH THE OUTLET A WHOLE BLOCK LONG!

GOLD IN A SEWER OUTLET? LEMME SEE! QUICK!



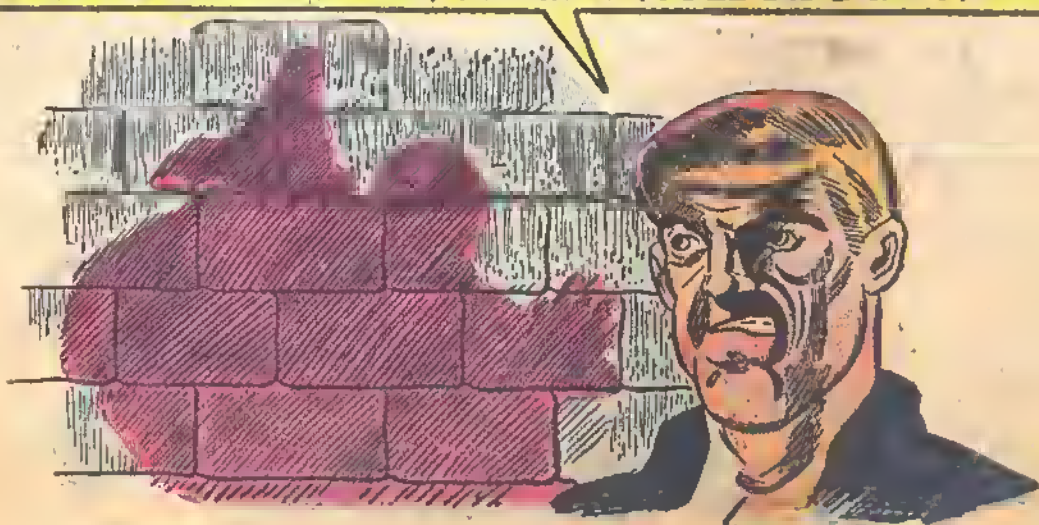
BACK THROUGH THE GURGLING CESSPOOLS AND CAVERNS THEY RAN, THE VICTIM AND THE BAIT... BACK TO THE WAITING HORROR...

JUST A FEW MORE FEET CHIEF! RIGHT THERE... INSIDE THOSE SHADOWS!

IF YOU'RE PLAYING A TRICK I'M GONNA~

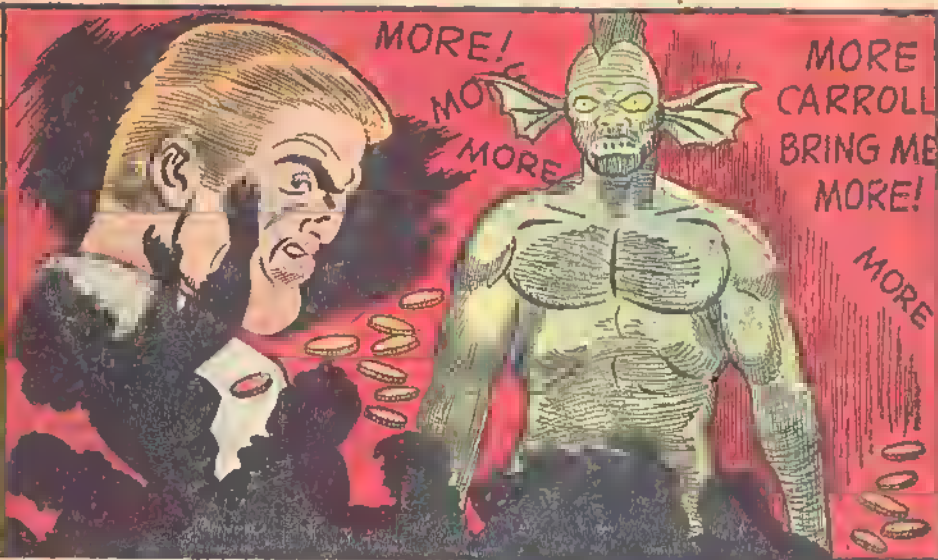


YOU'RE GONNA DO NOTHING, SUCKER! YOU'LL BE DEAD! HA-HA!



CARROLL HAD
"REALLY FOUND
A "GOLD MINE!"
BUT HE HAD
TO WORK IT!
AND DURING
THE FOLLOW-
ING MONTHS,
A SUCCESSION
OF DERELICTS,
UNSUSPECTING
NEIGHBORS,
STRANGERS
PASSING
THROUGH THE
VICINITY...
ALL FELL
FOR HIS
"SALESMANSHIP!"

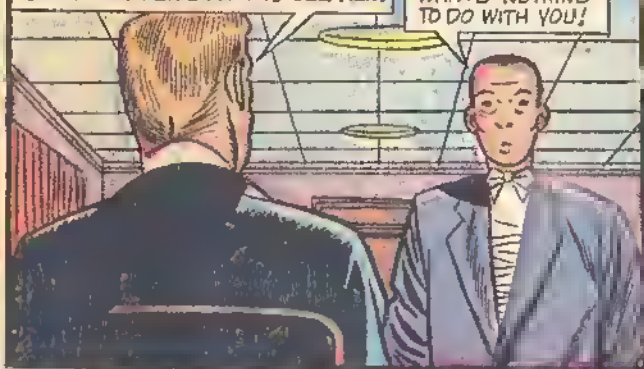
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AND IN TIME, HE GREW RICH, POWERFUL, AND RUTHLESS!
WITH HIS "BUSINESS PARTNER" HANDLING MATTERS...
INFLUENCING HIS FELLOW CREATURES WITH JUST THE
RIGHT AMOUNT OF BRAIN-TELEPATHY, CARROLL SOON
BECAME A MAN TO BE RECKONED WITH...

I SAID I WANT TO MARRY THAT
GIRL! TELL HER I WANT TO SEE HER!

B-BUT, SIR! SHE
WANTS NOTHING
TO DO WITH YOU!



BUT WEALTH AND POWER WEREN'T
ENOUGH! CARROLL HAD TO BE LOVED!
HE HAD TO FIND A WIFE! HIS CHOICE,
HOWEVER... PROVED UNFORTUNATE...

NO! I WON'T MARRY YOU... AND
THAT'S FINAL! I'M ALREADY
ENGAGED! NOW GET OUT!

WE'LL
SEE
ABOUT
THAT
JOAN!



AND A FEW NIGHTS LATER...

THERE GOES MY RIVAL! NOWS MY
CHANCE! WITH HIM OUT OF THE WAY,
SHE'LL COME RUNNING TO ME!



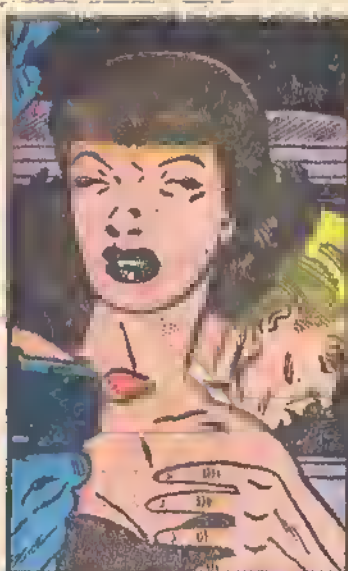
I WON'T KILL YOU, BUSTER! I'LL LET
MY "PARTNER" DO THAT! THIS WAY I
KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE! I
GET RID OF YOU... AND I FEED IT!



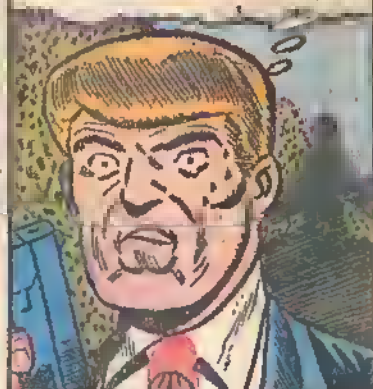
BUT CARROLL HAD BEEN SEEN BY THE ONE PERSON WHO SHOULD NOT HAVE SEEN HIM, AND TWENTY MINUTES LATER, AFTER A RECKLESS CHASE...

I'LL KILL YOU FOR THIS! I'LL SHOW YOU...

YOU'RE CRAZY! LET GO OF THAT GUN... LET GO I SAID...



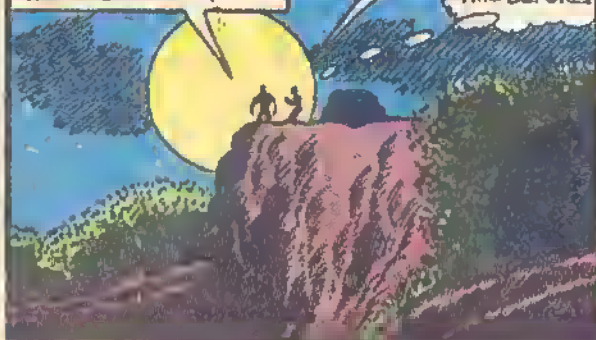
I... I'VE KILLED THEM BOTH! THE BULLET PASSED CLEAN THROUGH HER AND HIT HIM TOO! GOOD LORD, WHAT WILL I DO? THE CREATURE IS HUNGRY! I... I HAVEN'T SENT IT FOOD IN DAYS!



HOW UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS SHOULD HAPPEN! I CANNOT TOUCH EITHER OF THESE TWO CORPSES! THEIR PHOSPHOROUS CONTENT HAS BEEN NULLIFIED! YOU HAVE BEEN GETTING CARELESS, CARROLL!

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT... BUT... I... I'VE GOT SOME MORE IN THE CAR... ALIVE! I'LL GET THEM!

I'LL CALL THE COPS ABOUT THIS HORROR! I HAVE ALL I WANT! I SHOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THIS BEFORE!



YOU'RE LYING OF COURSE... BUT NO MATTER! YOU WILL DO! I'VE GROWN TIRED OF YOUR INEFFICIENT SERVICES! I HAVE A BETTER APPLICANT FOR THE POSITION! SOMEONE THAT'S WAITING INSIDE!



OH... DON'T BE SO SURPRISED! I'VE HAD MY EYES ON YOU FOR A LONG TIME! I'M SURE YOU'LL BE WELL SATISFIED... THERE NEVER ARE ANY COMPLAINTS! JUST LEAVE YOUR NAME WITH ME, AND I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU SOON... VERY SOON! HA, HA, HA, HA...



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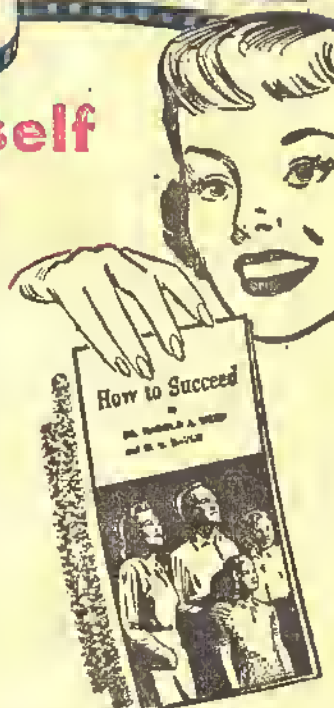
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